

Sorting out Georges Claimed as Sons of Joseph Sellers & Hannah Paschall

Who is the father of Mary Sellers, wife of Erasmus Jones?

Recently I looked into the life of Joseph Sellers 1726-1798 and Hannah Paschall 1723-1791. Joseph is a grandson of the Quaker Samuel Sellers 1655-1732 who came from England in 1682 and settled in Darby, Chester/Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Unlike other Sellers descendants, the children of Joseph and Hannah were not documented. Genealogists hate a brick wall and many have latched on to Joseph and Hannah as parents to their ancestors.

1) *Descendants of Samuel Sellers - Materials for Use in the Compilation of a Family History* by The Sellers Family Association, prepared by Charles Coleman Sellers, published 1962. View at FamilySearch books.

Data collected over 50 years from questionnaires, genealogies and other sources pertaining to the descendants of the Quaker Samuel Sellers 1655-1732. The question mark denotes uncertainty.

3.6 Joseph Sellers + Hannah Paschall

3.6.1? Joseph Sellers, Jr.

3.6.4? Hannah Sellers + William Rose

3.6.2? Samuel Sellers

3.6.5? Sarah Sellers + Isaac Kite, Jr.

3.6.3? George Sellers + Catherine

2) *A Record of the Ancestors and Descendants of Erasmus Jones and his Wife Mary Sellers* by Lee Erasmus Rife, 1936. *John and Mary J. Rife of Greene County, Ohio* by Geo. W. Rife, Third Edition Revised by J. Merle Rife, 1935. View at FamilySearch books.

This Rife nephew/uncle collaboration proposed Joseph and Hannah were parents to a George Sellers (married to Sarah), father of Mary who married Erasmus Jones.

3) *The Maternal Ancestors of George W. Rumberger: The Sellers Family* by Flora A. Curtin, published 1968. Centre County Library and Historical Museum, Bellefonte, PA.

Mrs. Curtin proposed Joseph and Hannah were the parents to a George Sellers (married to Catherine), whose descendant married a Rumberger. Mrs. Curtin relied on The Sellers Family Association material. Charles Coleman Sellers wrote to Mrs. Curtin June 3, 1968: *Joseph Sellers' children have never been identified and dated. I have: Joseph Jr., Samuel, George, Hannah (+William Rose), Sarah (+Isaac Kite). There may have been also a Nathan Sellers 1762-1826 in this line.*

Was any George really a child of Joseph and Hannah Sellers? As it turns out, there is a confusing array of George Sellers/Zellers/Sollers in Chester, Philadelphia, Washington and other Pennsylvania counties. But the descendants of Erasmus Jones and Mary Sellers have an **astonishing family story** that might set things straight.

I found family connections for four children of Joseph and Hannah Sellers: Joseph Jr., Paschall, Hannah and Sarah. Read about Joseph and Hannah here <http://ancestorsandothers.net/index.htm>

George Sellers, Lost and Found

A family by the name of Sellers had a little son whose name was "George." He was stolen one day while his parents were at Market, in Philadelphia. Later another son was born and he too was given the name George. In the course of time the first George was found, then they had a "big" George and a "little" George. Also said if she remembered correctly one of these Georges was our great grandmother's father.

Lee Erasmus Rife

This piece of family history is included in *A Record of the Ancestors and Descendants of Erasmus Jones and his Wife Mary Sellers*. The parents of Mary Sellers (Mary being the great grandmother in the story) were unknown. Sorting through family stories handed down in the Jones family, Mr. Rife zeroed in on descendants of the Quaker Samuel Sellers 1655-1732 in Chester County. Mr. Rife discovered, as I did, that the family of Joseph and Hannah Sellers had never been adequately researched and undoubtedly they had children other than Paschall b. 1753 and Hannah b. 1758 (whose births are recorded in the Wilmington, Delaware MM records). Mr. Rife concluded the big and little Georges could be Joseph and Hannah's children and one of these Georges was Mary Sellers' father.

At first glance, this family story seems somewhat improbable, but.....

Mr. Rife went to Chester County and dug out the will of Joseph Sellers' father Samuel Jr. 1690-1773. If Mr. Rife had expanded his search just a bit, he would have found this gem that corroborates the family story.

Chester County Wills #4348

Paul Sellers of East Marlborough, Chester County, PA

Dated April 5, 1791. Proven January 17, 1794.

Whereas I **Paul Sellers** of the Township of East Marlborough in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania yeoman...

First: I give and bequeath to my **son George Sellers the Elder** five shillings...

Secondly: I give and bequeath to my **son Conrad Sellers** five shillings...

Thirdly: I give and bequeath to my **son Philip Sellers** five shillings...

Fourthly: I give and bequeath to my **youngest son George Sellers** all and singular my estate let the same be of what kind so ever either money goods or property only what is above bequeathed for him to have and enjoy the same. Provided he shall keep and provide for me and his Mother sufficient necessaries for the support our bodies during our natural lives.

Fifthly: Lastly I ...appoint my **son George Sellers the younger** to be my whole and sole executor...

Signed:



Paul
his X mark
Sellers

1791
Witnesses

Witnesses: Abel Wickersham and Samuel Sellers

Who is Paul Sellers?

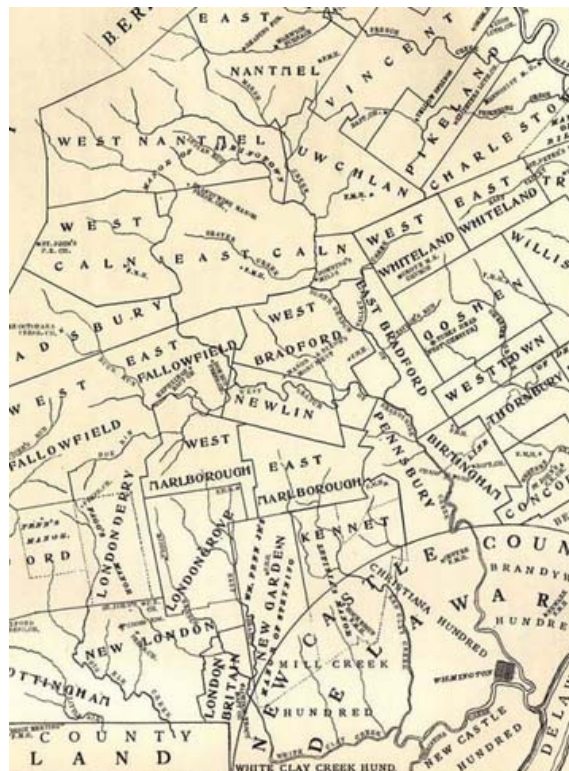
The first mention of Paul Sellers in Chester County is this name in the 1766 Birmingham tax records: Balsar Salsus. A few years later in Kennett he was called Boltes Sulser.

Gilbert Cope in his *History of Chester County* didn't know what to make of this name. Among landowners of Pennsbury, Mr. Cope lists "Spolsor Sulsor and Conrod Sulsor (Seltzer?)."

See the chart of tax records on Page 8 for a list of names ascribed to Paul and his sons Conrad, Philip and the two Georges (as well as time lines and sources for each). Paul's first name varies from Balsar to Paulsus. The surname circles around Sulser and Sulsus. Records show that Paul, George the Elder and Philip did not write. The tax assessors wrote down what they heard and we are left to sort out their transcriptions of oral pronunciation. In any event, the surname for this family transitioned to Sellers.

None of this alternate name business dawned on me until I started exploring Revolutionary War material. I was looking here and there for Paul Sellers and sons, trying, as Mr. Rife did, to shoehorn them into the Quaker Sellers family. Then I blundered into the Chester County Battle of Brandywine project which mentions Balsar and Conrad Salsar/Selser/Selsor. Ah-ha!

Paul and his sons lived among the descendants of the Quaker Samuel Sellers. Abel Wickersham, a witness to Paul's will, married Sarah Sellers, a daughter of Joseph Sellers' brother Samuel 1715-1785. Presumably the other witness on Paul's will, Samuel Sellers, is this Samuel's son. Maybe the witness Samuel thought Sellers was a perfectly good name for Paul!



1790 Map Chester Co.

Paul Sellers lived in Birmingham, Pennsbury, East Marlborough and Honey Brook (west side of W. Nantmeal)

Documents exist to prove the children of Paul and the children of Philip. By his name, Conrad is more or less evident. Identification of the Georges is a problem.

- Paul's will mentions a wife (no name) and the children Conrad, Philip and the two Georges.
- Philip died in 1810. The deed for the sale of his real estate in Virginia lists his descendants: wife Hannah and children James, Paul/Polser, Rachel and Mary.
- George the Elder and George the Younger have to be figured out through family associations.

But first, another family story.

Revolutionary War and the Theft of Susanna's Petticoat

Miss Alberta Sellers (daughter of Albert, son of James) says her father told her about the battle of Brandywine, which was fought on his grandfather's farm. Albert's grandmother had described the battle to him and, among other things, told of the red capes of the British soldiers and how the wheatfield, which was ready to sow, was trampled so that the ground had to be prepared again before the wheat could be sowed.

J. Merle Rife

Albert Sellers' grandparents are Philip Sellers (son of Paul) and Hannah Gordon.

Paul Sellers and his sons were living in Pennsbury in September of 1777 when the British marched through. Not only did the Redcoats trample the wheat field, they made off with Conrad's breeches and his wife Susanna's petticoat. Their neighbor Joseph Peirce Jr. (son of Dr. Joseph Peirce of Paul's power of attorney) lost clothes, quantities of pewter and furniture, as well as two looking glasses. Abel Wickersham (witness to Paul's will) was plundered of wearing apparel, furniture and, worse, his blacksmith tools and bar iron.

*An account of loss of Conrod Sellser by the Brittish and Hessian Troops
on the 12th day of September 1777.
Report dated December 31, 1782.*

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| 1 Gown half silk | £ 2.0.0 |
| 1 Gown Striped Linen | 1.2.6 |
| 1 Petticoat | 0.8.0 |
| 1 Jacket | 0.4.6 |
| 1 pair of Breeches | 0.15.0 |
| 2 pair of Shoes | 1.0.0 |
| 1 Little Pigg | 0.2.0 |
| Damage to a case of drawers | 0.7.6 |
| 1 Bridle | 0.3.0 |
| 25 Yards of Shirten | 5.0.0 |
| Total | £11.2.6 |

The Chester County Planning Commission has coordinated extensive work on the Battle of Brandywine. By studying deeds and tax records, it is thought that Paul and his son Conrad may have been living on the George Gorden farm in Pennsbury in 1777. Read about it in *The Army Marched at Dawn* where you'll find a map pinpointing the Gorden property.

Militia Listings - PA Archives, Fifth Series, Vol V

1780 - Pennsbury: Conrad, Philip and George Selsus

1782 - Pennsbury: Conrad, Philip and George Solsir

1782 - List of male inhabitants of Concord & Bethel 18-53: Philip Sulser

Revolutionary War story came down this line: Philip Sellers 17??-1810/James Sellers 1779-1864/Albert Sellers 1811-1894/Alberta Sellers 1853-1940.

It is not clear if Hannah Gordon Sellers is related to the landowner George Gordon.

The Army Marched at Dawn <https://chescoplanning.org/HisResources/BattleBrandywine.cfm>

Identifying the Children of Paul Sellers

A time line for each child is in the back.

Conrad Sellers married Susanna Henderson July 1, 1770 at the Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware. The British ransacked their property and Conrad joined a militia group. Census records indicate the couple had children. I lose track of Conrad until the Chester County Poor House index and finally the Findagrave memorials at the Blank Cemetery in Narvon, Lancaster County, PA.

There is nothing that directly says this Conrad Sellers is the child of Paul, but the clues point in that direction.

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| <p>Conrad Sellers b. 1743 d. 1-9-1830 (87)</p> | <p>Susanna Sellers wife of Conrad Sellers b. 1738 d. 4-9-1830 (92)</p> |

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Philip Sellers married Hannah Gordon November 21, 1776 at the Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware. At some point, Philip moved from Pennsylvania to Virginia. He left a will and real estate and named a child Polser. Philip's children moved to Ohio.

Philip's son Polser (headstone) or Palser (deeds) bought 80 acres in Ross Township, Greene Co., Ohio in 1816 (Deed 5/357). Erasmus Jones and Mary Sellers, who had moved to Ohio by at least 1797, purchased 128 acres in the same place in 1817 (Deed 5/415). Both properties are described as "on the waters of Massis Creek." The 1820 census for Polser Sellers includes one female over 45. There's a chance this is the widow Hannah Gordon Sellers who told the story of the Redcoats trampling the wheat field. The 1830 census for Ross Township shows the siblings Polser and James (whose son Albert listened to his grandmother's stories) living near each other, with Erasmus and Mary Jones a few census sheets away.

Polser Sellers, Erasmus Jones and Mary Sellers Jones are buried in the Bloxom Cemetery, a mile west of Selma, Clark Co., Ohio. The Sellers/Jones close proximity in Ohio is either coincidence, friendship or family.

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After executing his will April 5, 1791, Paul Sellers moved from East Marlborough to Honey Brook as evidenced by a Power of Attorney dated December 16, 1791 and the 1794 inventory of his property after his death. The witnesses and appraisers for these last two docu-

ments were all Honey Brook men and included George Sellers, presumably George the Younger. In his 1791 will, Paul promised his son George the Younger all his estate if he cared for Paul and his wife. Here's a family connection: Paul moved to Honey Brook and clearly, from tax and census records, a George Sellers lived in Honey Brook.

This is the George Sellers with wife Catherine The Sellers Association listed as a questionable child of Joseph Sellers and Hannah Paschall and also the same George in Mrs. Curtin's work. This George lived in Honey Brook and then bought land in Upper Oxford.

The names Paulser/Balser were passed down in the family of George Sellers and Catherine. I think this makes another good family connection between Paul Sellers and this George.

Paulser Sellers 1782-1853 (son of George and Catherine) a/k/a Balser
Paulser Agnew Sellers 1814-1887 - known as Agnew
Paulser Agnew Sellers, Jr. 1843-1903 - known as Agnew
Balser Sellers Rumberger 1831-1909

Besides these connections, there is nothing that directly says Paul Sellers is the father of this George Sellers.

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Now the more complicated George Sellers, George the Elder. You have to wonder what happened that day in Philadelphia when he was stolen. Even more perplexing is when and how he got back home and whatever did he think about a younger brother with his name.

Back to the quest of Lee Erasmus Rife to discover the parents of Mary Sellers who married Erasmus Jones.

...a great grand daughter of Erasmus and Mary Jones wrote me from Iowa that the names of the parents of Mary Jones...were George and Sarah.

Lee Erasmus Rife

Mr. Rife writes it was the general family consensus that, some time after the Revolutionary War, the father of Erasmus, Samuel Jones, a military man, moved his family to Washington County and the last home of Samuel Jones and his wife Leah was near Washington, PA. It is thought Mary Sellers and Erasmus Jones married in Washington County about 1794.

After Erasmus Jones' mother Leah died around 1793, reportedly near Washington, her estate was settled and Bucks County Land Records have documents which place some of the Jones children in Washington County in 1797 to around 1805. In fact, one child, Thomas Jones, lived his life in Washington. Erasmus and Mary moved to Ohio.

If the family stories are correct, we need a George Sellers with a wife named Sarah, living in Washington County in the 1790s, with a daughter Mary born in 1777 who caught the eye of Erasmus Jones.

George Sellars and Sarah Clifford/Clifford? married December 6, 1775 at the Old Swedes Church in Wilmington, Delaware. Many people have pondered over this marriage and there is no evidence to say who these people are. Is this George Sellers the Elder? On the plus side, Mary Sellers Jones was born January 17, 1777.

Findagrave has a memorial for George and Sarah Sellers, part of a monument marked Hitchcock, located in the Washington Cemetery in Washington, PA.



Studying all sides of the monument reveals this family:

George Sellers b: 1745 d: 7-22-1826
.. +Sarah unknown b: 1753 d: 4-16-1826
..... 2 Hannah Sellers b: 1787 d: 4-27-1830
..... +John Johnson Sr. b: 1772 d: 5-1831
..... 3 Sarah Johnson d: Bet. 1834 - 1846
..... +Ebenezer S Graham b: Abt. 1800
m: 8-19-1834 d: 1844
..... 3 William Johnson d: Aft. 1831
..... 3 John Johnson Jr. b: 4-27-1818 d: 12-26-1838
..... 3 Elizabeth Johnson b: 8-16-1821 d: 5-17-1848
..... +Lawrence P. Hitchcock b: 1811
..... 3 Samuel B Johnson b: 6-10-1824 d: 6-3-1846

This monument was probably erected by descendants of Elizabeth Johnson Hitchcock who died when her two girls were children. Washington Cemetery was started in 1854.



The earliest I can place this George Sellers in Washington County with any certainty is 1796 when he buys land near George's Creek in Washington County. He could be in Strabane Township in 1793 if his last name was transcribed Treslor.

George Salsus, freeman, on the 1767 Birmingham tax record, presumed to be 21 (born 1746±), is a good clue. George's paper trail in Chester County is confused by other Georges. George leaves a nice paper trail around Washington County. In one deed he is described as an innkeeper. George acquired a tavern license in Canonsburg. His son-in-law John Johnson/Johnston also ran a tavern.

George and Sarah ended their days living with their daughter Hannah Sellers Johnson in Washington. Sarah's death was noted in a newspaper obituary.

George the Elder? The stolen child who made it home? Father of Mary Sellers Jones? Sparse circumstantial evidence indicates yes, but equally this could be a red herring.

Is any George a child of Joseph and Hannah Sellers? Maybe, but neither of these Georges qualifies--the younger is apparently Paul's child and, if nothing else, this Washington County George was born six years before Joseph and Hannah married.

Paul Sellers and his children Conrad, Philip, George the Elder, George the Younger
 Sources: Chester County Archives Tax Indexes and Original Assessments Records viewed at Family Search

| PAUL | Twnshp | Year | A | Cat | CONRAD | Twnshp | Year | A | Cat | George | Townshp | Year | A | Cat | PHILIP | Townshp | Year | A | Cat | George | Twnshp | Year | A | Cat |
|--------------------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|----------------|--------|-----------|----|-----|---|------------|------|----|------|---------------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|---|--------|--------------------------|-----|-----|
| b 17??? | | | | | b. 1743 | | | | | b. 1745? | | | | | b. 1750-1760? | | | | | b 1754-1760 | | | | |
| Balser Sulsus | Birmh | 1766 | | In | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paul Suselsus | Birmh | 1767 | | In | | | | | | George Selsus | Birmh | 1767 | | Free | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paul Selsus | Birmh | 1768 | | In | | | | | | George Selsus | Birmh | 1768 | | Free | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boltes Sulser | Kennett | 1770 | | In | MARRIED 1770 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balser Sulsus | Pennsb | 1771 | | In | | | | | | George Sulser | Pennsb | 1771 | | Free | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balsor Sulsus | Pennsb | 1773 | 110 | La | Conrad Sulsas | Pennsb | 1773 | | In | George Sulsus | Pennsb | 1773 | | Free | | | | | | | | | | |
| Balsus Sulsus | Pennsb | 1774 | 170 | La | | | | | | George Selser ? | E Marl | 1774 | | Free | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spalser Sulser | Pennsb | 1775 | 80 | La | Conrad Sulser | Pennsb | 1775 | 50 | La | George Selser ? | E Marl | 1775 | | Free | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paulsus Sulser | Pennsb | 1776 | 50 | La | | | | | | MARRIED ? 1775 | | | | | MARRIED 1776 | | | | | | | | | |
| Bolser Salser | Pennsb | 1778 | 90 | | | | | | | George Sulser ? | E Marl | 1778 | 70 | | | | | | | MARRIED 1778? | | | | |
| Palser Salser | Pennsb | 1780/1781 | | | Conrad Salser | Pennsb | 1780/1781 | | In | George Sellars ? | New Garden | 1781 | | | Philip Salser | Pennsb | 1780/1781 | | In | George Salser | Pennsb | 1780/1781 | 120 | F |
| | | | | | Conrad Selser | Pennsb | 1782 | | In | | | | | | Philip Sulser | Concord | 1782/1783 | 150 | | George Selsor | Pennsb | 1781 dis-count under age | | |
| | | | | | Conrad Sellars | Pennsb | 1783 | | In | 1785-1789 Tax discount George Sellers, New Garden "gone" ? | | | | | | | | | | George Sellers | W Nant | 1785-1789 | 300 | |
| Paul Sellers | E Marl | 1786 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1789 Honey Brook created from West Nantmeal | | | | |
| Paul Selsor/Sulser | E Marl | 1788/1789 | 12 | | | | | | | There is a George Selser 1756-1826 married Rachel Newman 1776, moved to Mississippi | | | | | | | | | | George Sellers | HoneyB | 1789 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | George Sellers | HoneyB | 1791-1798 | 300 | |

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Census Records

Paul Sellers. Children: Conrad, Philip, George the Elder, George the Younger

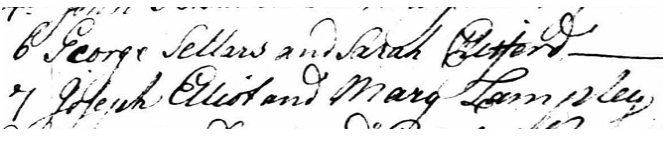
| Paul | Conrad | George | Philip | George |
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| 1790 E Marlborough, Chester Co Paul Sellers 1 M over 16 1 F | 1790 Pennsbury, Chester Co PA Connard Silsues 2 M over 16 4 F | 1790? 1793 Strabane, Washington Co. George Treslor? 1796 purchased land in Washington Co. 1798 US Direct Tax - Greene, Washington & Allegheny Co - Canton Township George Sellers, 1 dwelling house, 62 A | 1790 & 1800 Virginia census records not available | 1790 Honey Brook, Chester Co PA George Sellers 4 M under 16 1 M over 16 3 F |
| Paul died will probated 1794 | 1800 Salisbury, Lancaster Co PA Conrad Sellers (indexed Sellon) 1 M under 10 1 M over 45 could be someone else? 1 F 16-25 1 F 26-44 | 1800 Canton, Washington Co PA George Cellors 1 M over 45 1 F over 45 1 F 10-15 2 F 16-25 | children married in Frederick Co VA 1804, 1807, 1808 | 1800 Honey Brook, Chester Co PA George Sellers 3 M under 10, 1 M 10-15, 1 M 16-25 1 M 26-44 2 F under 10, 1 F 10-15 1 F over 45 |
| | 1810 inconclusive 1820 ? Chester County Poor House index: 1826 - Conrad Sellers 80 & Susanna Sellers 90, aided or assisted out of the poor house 1827 - Conrad Selley 80 & Susanna Sellers 90, aided or assisted out of the poor house 1828 Sellers Conrad & Susanna Sellers 91 dismissed or discharged | 1810 Chartiers, Washington Co PA George Sellers 1 M under 10 3 M 16-25 1 M over 45 1 F 16-25 1 F over 45 | 1810 Frederick Co VA Philip Sellers (indexed Sellen) 1 M over 45 1 M under 10 1 F 26-44 3 F under 10 who are the children? | 1810 taxed on 80 A & bldgs Upper Oxford, Chester Co PA George Sellers 1 M 10-15, 1 M 16-25 1 M over 45 1 F 10-15, 1 F 16-25 1 F over 45 |
| | Conrad died - FAG memorials | 1820 Washington, Washington Co PA John Johnston George & Sarah Sellers living with daughter & son-in- law | Philip died will probated 12-3-1810 | 1820 taxed on 80 A & bldgs Upper Oxford, Chester Co PA George Sellers 1 M 26-44 William 1 M over 45 - George 1 F over 45 Catharine |
| | | George died - FAG memorials | | 1830 taxed on 82 A & bldgs Upper Oxford, Chester Co PA William Sellers 1 M 70-79 George living with son George died after 1830 census? |

Marriages - Old Swedes, Wilmington, Delaware

Papers of the Historical Society of Delaware, Issue 9, Part 1,
Historical Society of Delaware, 1919

This particular book presents grooms and brides in alphabetical order.

Based on Horace Burr's translation of the records of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church,
Wilmington, Delaware

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| 7-1-1770 Conrod Salsa / Saesa Susanna Henderson | Numerous Hender- son families in Chester Co tax re- cords. | |
| 12-6-1775 George Sellars Sarah Clifford / Clifford | There are no Clif- fords in Chester Co tax records. | Sarah's last name has been transcribed as Clitserd (which, letter by letter, looks right to me), Clifford and Clifford. The name was probably written by a Swedish minister.  |
| 11-21-1776 Philip Sellars Hannah Gordon | Numerous Gordon families in Chester Co tax records. | |
| Miscellaneous Sellers Marriages 12-6-1786 - George Sellars & Ann Matson 7-6-1797 - Ann Sellars & Thomas Preston 5-16-1799 - Rebecca Sellars & Thomas Cryer 4-21-1808 - Susanna Sellers & Justus Arnold | | |

There are two stories about a George Sellers and a Swedish bride:

Lee Erasmus Rife:

A clipping reporting the speech of James Hatfield, made on the occasion of a marriage anniversary of John and Mary Jones Kitchen Rife, told of the father of Mary Sellers Jones "marrying a Swedish girl of the Swedes from down toward Wilmington, Del. Given this family story, Mr. Rife zeroed in on the marriage of George Sellers and Sarah Clifford at the Old Swedes Church.

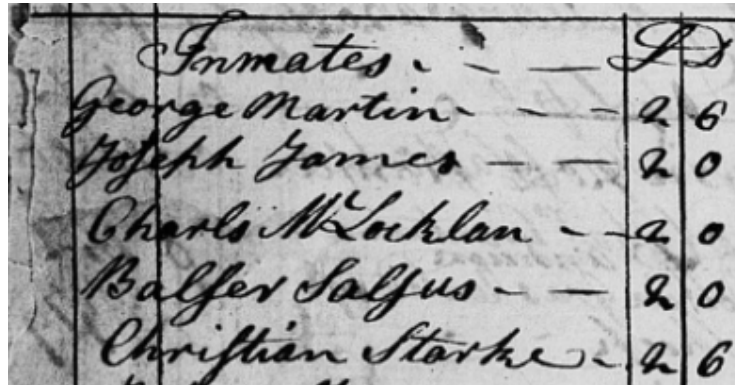
Mrs. Curtin:

The original Quaker Samuel Sellers came to Darby with his brother George Sellers 1652-1686. George road off one day on his horse to get building supplies. He was found days later, dead under a pile of shingles. All reports are that George never married. In reference to this George died 1686, from somewhere Mrs. Curtin came up with this: *One record says George married a non-Quaker - a Swedish girl from the Swedish settlement south of Philadelphia.*

The Swedish bride stories are about two Georges 90 years apart.

Paul Sellers 17??-1794 - Time Line

Balsor Sulsus/Paulsus Sulser/Paul Sellers



| Inmates | |
|------------------|----|
| George Martin | 26 |
| Joseph James | 20 |
| Charles McLellan | 20 |
| Balfer Salsus | 20 |
| Christian Starke | 26 |

Balsor Salsus makes his first Chester County appearance in 1766 on the Birmingham Township tax list (P-9/192)

Locations in Chester County

1766-1768 Birmingham

1770 Kennett

1771-1780 Pennsbury (Pennsbury created from Kennett in 1770)

1786-1790 East Marlborough

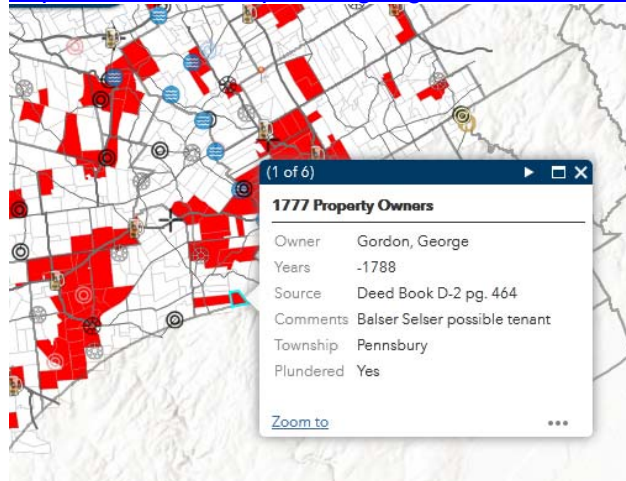
1791-1874 Honey Brook

Chester County Pennsylvania Archives - invaluable indexes

Land, Tax and Census, Probate and Poorhouse Records

Revolutionary War British Depredations

<https://www.chescoplanning.org/HisResources/BattleBrandywine.cfm>



A Brandywine Battlefield Strategic Landscape Appendix B, Historic Resources Documentation, Page B-20.

*George Gordon Farm Site (possible tenant Balser and/or Conrad Selsor)
(Depredation -Pennsbury)
N64.35: 60 Selbourne Drive (Parcel #64-5-76.1A)
Possible Location*

...George Gordon was a non-resident owner. It is not clear who occupied this land. One possibility is the Salsor/Selsor/ Selsor family. A claim was made by Conrad Selsor for the following items lost or damaged September 12, 1777...

Paul Sellers 17??-1794 - Time Line

Chester County Mortgage Records B/301 (image 521)

Dated: February 14, 1786

Paul Sellers of East Marlborough lent £30 to John Broomhall, taylor, and his wife Hannah of East Marlborough. The collateral was a dwelling and 14 A in East Marlborough Hannah had acquired from her father Jeremiah Cloud in 1781. (A2/362 image 677, 8-18-1781, Jeremiah the son & Ann Cloud to daughter Hannah Brumer, part of 230 A devised to Jeremiah from his late father Jeremiah Cloud. Located by Cloud's land and William & Betty Loller)

Witnesses: Joseph Pierce and Isaac Taylor

1790 Census - East Marlborough, Chester Co, PA

Paul Sellers - 1 M over 16 and 1 F over 16

Chester County Wills #4348

Paul Sellers of East Marlborough, Chester County, PA

Dated April 5, 1791. Proven January 17, 1794

Chester County Court Records, Letters of Attorney, Book A1, Sect. B, P. 158 (image 155)

Dated: December 16, 1791

Paul Sellers of Honeybrook appoints his trusty friend Doctor Joseph Peirce of Pensborough to vacate the above mortgage. John & Hannah Broomhall repaid £30 12-5-1791.

Signed: Paul X Sellers

Witnesses: George Sellers and Jacob Thompson

Chester County Wills #4348

Inventory of Paul Sellers of Honeybrook dated January 20, 1794

Signed: Benjamin Jones and Benjamin Marpel

In addition to a very modest amount of clothing and household items, the inventory of Paul Sellers' worldly possessions includes:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 pare of Sheers 1 taylors goos old | 1 clock reel old |
| 6 yds toe lining | 1 flax hankle old |

The pair of **shears** is obvious. A **tailor's goose** is a heavy iron used by tailors.



To make cloth, flax was pulled through a **hatchel** which removed the coarse outer part, called **tow**, from the longer **linen** fibers. Tow was woven into a coarse material used for work clothes, grain sacks and the like. The **clock reel** wound flax or wool yarn into a standardized length.

Does the possession of a goose iron indicate Paul was a tailor?

Paul Sellers 17??-1794 - Time Line

My purpose here was to sort out Georges thought to be children of Joseph Sellers and Hannah Paschall. The two Georges attached to Joseph Sellers in numerous family trees and other works look as though they belong to Paul Sellers.

Clues for the whereabouts of Paul Sellers are sparse until his 1765 arrival in Chester County. Here's his story, which might even be half true!



The First Reformed Church of Philadelphia was organized in 1727 by a group of newly-arrived Germans. Their first church structure, built in 1747, was this hexagonal building located on Sassafras (Race) Street, just below Fourth.

Rev. John Conrad Steiner of Switzerland served the church from 1759 to 1762. His first baptism is recorded in the church records. Here is George the Younger.

Johan Geörg, son of Baltasar Selzer and Maria
Baptized May 29, 1759
Sponsors George and Margaret Wien

Later on in the year, George and Margaret Wien were sponsors for Margaret, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Waespi. The three families, undoubtedly friends connected by their church, can be located in a 1756 tax record:

- Paul Censlar, labourer, Dock Ward
- George Wain, joiner, Middle Ward
- Jacob Wasp, North Ward

Where Paul Sellers came from is unknown. You can pluck similar names (Balsar Seler, Balthazar Sailor) off ship manifests of German immigrants landing in Philadelphia, but for all we know he was born in North America.

The baptism record of George the Younger reveals the name of Paul's wife--Maria.

The earliest Philadelphia tax list I know of, and that is available on line, is for the year 1756. In the Dock Ward, abutting the Delaware River, is listed one "Paul Censlar, Labourer." He is assessed at the lowest rate of £8. This infers he was well off enough to be taxed and labourer points to some sort of physical labor to earn his money.

Pennsylvania Births, Philadelphia County 1644-1765 by John T. Humphrey, 1994, p. 449

Baptisms by the Rev. John Conrad Steiner
<http://files.usgwarchives.net/pa/philadelphia/church/baptisms/firstref1759.txt>

Taxables in the City of Philadelphia, 1756, by Hannah Benner Roach

Nancy Ettensperger - March 2021
Ancestors and Others.net

Sorting out the Georges - Page 13

Paul Sellers' Philadelphia 1762



First Reformed Church, Sassafras (Race) & 4th

High Street Market

Dock Ward is the area below Walnut Street.

New Market

Paul Sellers 17??-1794 - Time Line



The Jones family story about the missing child George reads: *He was stolen one day while his parents were at Market, in Philadelphia.*

By 1745 there were two markets in Philadelphia, the original on High (Market) Street and “New Market” in the Dock Ward, on Second Street near Lombard. The markets operated twice a week and were scenes of great activity and hubbub, with vendors hawking their wares and farmers from the countryside selling produce.

Paul Sellers was in Birmingham, Chester County by November/December 1765 in order to have his name on the assessment roll for 1766. As an “inmate,” he neither rented nor owned land on which to be taxed. So he probably was a wage earner, lived in a small cottage with room for a garden and the family cow, and swapped his labor for rent and other necessities. And he had four strong sons to help out and Mary at the spinning wheel.

There were numerous employment opportunities in Birmingham in 1765. The wealthy Quaker Brinton and Darlington families, with their large farms and grist and saw mills, are known to have rented cottages in exchange for labor.

Harry Gordon, of the British Royal Engineers, had a summer place in Birmingham from 1763 to 1775 and would have needed laborers for his estate. Tucked into the Big Bend of the Brandywine River right at the Delaware border, Gordon had 200 acres with a farmhouse, barn, stable, and a sawmill. Here’s a coincidence: Gordon’s downtown Philadelphia property was located in the Dock Ward, south of Walnut Street between 3rd and 4th. If Paul Censlar, Labourer, of the Dock Ward is Paul Sellers.....the rest of the story is up to our imaginations.

1762 Map of Philadelphia 1762 by Nicholas Scull - <https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3824p.ar130800/>

“New Market” lithograph by James Thackara

Paul Sellers 17??-1794 - Time Line

If the tailor's goose in Paul's inventory indicates a connection, Jonathan Underwood, taylor, lived on 70 acres in Birmingham.

Birmingham had a few taverns, a weaver, two shoemakers, some tanners and carpenters, sawmills and a fulling mill. And there were local Gordon and Henderson families to provide prospective brides for Paul's sons. Quite a few Chalfant families lived in Chester County. I keep trying to turn the blotted/scrawled/misspelled Sarah Clifford's last name into Chalfant which would put new light on this marriage problem.

Paul moved across the Brandywine to Pennsbury and by 1773 his tax status changed to "landholder." The presumption here is Paul was now a tenant farmer for George Gordon, charged with maintaining Gordon's real estate investment in good order. This was a step up the economic ladder.

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| Balans Sellers 18/ | 170 a. of Building 2 horses & cattle | at 20 p. ann | 18 | 4 | 2 |
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1774 Pennsbury

The 1770s brought the stress of the Revolutionary War--the plundering and trampling of the fields. The Jones family stories include a remembrance that their "Sellers" relative owned a farm near Chadd's Ford. The Gordon property is located two to three miles below Chadd's Ford.

Paul's boys married and it was time to downsize. He moved over to East Marlborough by 1786 and here was taxed on 12 acres. He must have accumulated a good bit of spare change in order to lend £30 to the young couple John and Hannah Broomhall. Did the loan have anything to do with John being a taylor?

Here in East Marlborough Paul's name was transformed to Paul Sellers and here he wrote his will which gives credence to the family story of the lost and found child.

Paul and Marie moved up to Honey Brook in 1791. Apparently it took a bit of bribery to convince George the Younger to care for his parents in their old age.

Given the times, this was a long-lived, healthy family. Paul lived into his 70s and his boys into their 60s, 70s and 80s.

The Landless Worker: An Index of Economic and Social Change in Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1750-1820 by Lucy Simler, *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 114, no. 2 (1990): 163-99.

Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/20092468>

Tenancy in Colonial Pennsylvania: The Case of Chester County, by Lucy Simler, *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Oct 1986, V. 43, No. 4, pp 542-569

Stable URL: <http://www.jstor.com/stable/1923682>

Conrad Sellers 1743-1830 - Time Line

7-1-1770 married Susanna Henderson at Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

<https://www.chescoplanning.org/HisResources/BattleBrandywine.cfm>

A Brandywine Battlefield Strategic Landscape

Appendix B, Historic Resources Documentation, Page B-20.

*George Gordon Farm Site (possible tenant Balser and/or Conrad Selsor)
(Depredation -Pennsbury)
N64.35: 60 Selbourne Drive (Parcel #64-5-76.1A) Possible Location*

... A claim was made by Conrad Sellser for the following items lost or damaged September 12, 1777: 1 gown half silk, 1 gown striped linen, 1 petticoat, 1 jacket, 1 pair breeches, 2 pair shoes, 1 little pig, damage to a case of drawers, 1 bridle, 25 yards shirten.

Militia Listings - PA Archives, Fifth Series, Vol V

1780 - Pennsbury: Conrad, Philip and George Selsus

1782 - Pennsbury: Conrad, Philip and George Solsir

1782 - List of male inhabitants of Concord & Bethel 18-53: Philip Sulser

1826, 1827, 1828 Poor House Records Index

Chester County, Pennsylvania Archives

Sellers Conrad 80 Aided or assisted out of the poor house 1826

Sellers Susanna 90 Aided or assisted out of the poor house 1826

Selley Conrad 80 Aided or assisted out of the poor house 1827

Sellers Susanna 90 Aided or assisted out of the poor house 1827

Sellers Conrad Dismissed or discharged 1828

Sellers Susanna 91 Dismissed or discharged 1828

1830 - Conrad and Susanna buried Blank Cemetery, Narvon, Lancaster Co, PA

Philip Sellers 17??-1810 - Time Line

11-21-1776 married Hannah Gordon at Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

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1790 and 1800 census for Virginia do not exist

The Philip Sellers of Dauphin Co, PA likely belongs to another family

Philip in Frederick County, Virginia by 1804 marriage of a child

Deeds - Frederick County, VA

Deed 31/420 (image 219), 12-6-1808, 158 A

Morris Rees of Berkeley Co to Philip Sellers of Frederick Co, 158 A, both sides of Back Creek, Frederick Co

Deed 31/422, 12-7-1808

Philip and Hannah Sellers of Frederick Co to David Rees (mortgage for above land)

Witnesses: Richard Davison, James Sellers, Paul Sellers

Deed 33/8 (image 13), 2-4-1811

Release of the above debt

Deed 33/10, 2-4-1811

Heirs and Representatives of Philip Sellers late of Frederick Co, VA to Morris Rees of Berkeley Co VA, same land as above

Signed:

Hannah X Sellers

James Sellers and Nancy Sellers

Paul Sellers and Sally Sellers

Rachel Ramsey and Joshua Ramsey

Mary Davison and Richard Davison

Marriage Records - WVCulture.org

Mary Sellars and Richard Davis, 7-2-1804, Berkeley, VA

Bond: Richard Davis/Davison and Balzer/Bolser Sellars

James Sellers and Nancy Rees, 12-22-1804, Berkeley Co, VA

Bond: James Sellers, Reese Branson (Note: James Sellers witnessed Rees Branson's 1802 Quaker marriage to Ruth Downing at the meeting house in Middle Creek; family named Rees were in attendance)

Bolser Sellars and Sarah Job, 1-29-1807, Berkeley Co, VA

Bond: Bolser Sellers and Daniel Rees

Rachael Sellars and Joshua Raving, 5-27-1807, Berkeley Co, VA

Philip Sellers 17??-1810 - Time Line

1810 Census - Frederick Co, Virginia
in order on the census sheet

Philip Sellers, 1 M over 45, 1 F over 45, 2 F 10-15

Paul Sellers, 1 M 26-44, 1 F 16-25, 2 F under 10

Richard Davidson, 1 M 26-44, 1 F 26-44, 1 M under 10, 3 F under 10

Will

Frederick County VA Wills & Administration, Book 9/24 (image 315)

Dated 3-28-1810, proved 12-3-1810

Philip Sellers of Back Creek, Frederick Co, VA

Wife Hannah. Children not named.

Executrix: Wife Hannah Sellers

Witnesses: Robert Lockart, William Kile, Richard Davison, James Butler

1850 Census - Phillip's four children lived to be enumerated in the 1850 Census

Columbus City, Louisa Co, Iowa

Family 27

Mary Davidson, 71, b. 1779 in PA

Richard Davidson 70, b. 1780 in VA

Family 24

James Sellers, 70, b 1780 in PA

Nancy Sellers, 61, b. 1789 in VA

Miami, Greene Co, Ohio

Polser/Bosler Sellers, 69, b. 1781 in PA (buried in Bloxom Cem, Clark Co, Ohio,
same as Mary Sellers Jones)

Green, Clark Co, Ohio

Rachel Ramey, 64, b. 1785

Joshua Ramey, 69, b. 1781

History of Marion County, Ohio, 1883, p. 838

Michael Holverstott (of German parents) was married May 7, 1839 to Rebecca Ramay, born October 25, 1817, daughter of Joshua and Rachel (Sellers) Ramay, of German stock, and natives of Berkeley County, Va. Mrs. Holverstott's mother Rachel was born October 5, 1780 and died November 4, 1876.

George Sellers The Younger - Time Line

George Sellers The Younger is likely the George Sellers of Honey Brook, Chester Co, PA with wife Catherine. As far as I can tell, the only place Catherine's name appears is in the 1827 deed.

First Reformed Church Baptism Records, Philadelphia, PA
Johan Geörg, son of Baltasar Selzer and Maria
Baptized May 29, 1759
Sponsors George and Margaret Wien

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1781 - may be the George Sulser in Pennsbury 120 A who got a tax discount for under age?

1790 Honey Brook, Chester Co, PA
1800 Honey Brook, Chester Co, PA
1810 Upper Oxford, Chester Co, PA
1820 Upper Oxford, Chester Co, PA
1830 Upper Oxford, Chester Co, PA
William Sellers, includes 1 M 70-79 (born 1751-1760) who may be George Sellers

Chester County Deeds

3-20-1804, Y2/57 (image 335)
Peter Zengenhein, taylor, wife Mary of Upper Oxford to George Sellers, yeoman of Honey Brook, 86 A in Upper Oxford, Chester Co, PA
Witness: John Smith and Sally Smith

9-19-1827, G4/336 (image 200)
George and Catherine Sellers of Upper Oxford to William Sellers of same
Witnesses: Samuel Sellers, James Managham justice of the peace
sale of farm to son William (presumably William and witness Samuel Sellers are sons)

The names Paulser/Balser passed down in the family of George Sellers and Catherine Paulser Sellers 1782-1853 (son of George and Catherine) a/k/a Balser
Paulser Agnew Sellers 1814-1887 - known as Agnew
Paulser Agnew Sellers, Jr. 1843-1903 - known as Agnew
Balser Sellers Rumberger 1831-1909

The Maternal Ancestors of George W. Rumberger: The Sellers Family by Flora A. Curtin, published 1968. Centre County Library and Historical Museum, Bellefonte, PA.

Mrs. Curtin proposed Joseph and Hannah were the parents to a George Sellers (married to Catherine), whose descendant married a Rumberger. Mrs. Curtin relied on The Sellers Family Association material.

Could Mary Sellers Jones be the daughter of George the Younger? Maybe, but this George stayed in Chester County and Washington County is the setting for family stories about Mary and Erasmus Jones.

George Sellers the Elder - Time Line

George Sellers 1745-1826 of Washington County, PA?

Father of Mary Sellers Jones?

Not to be confused with: Jacob Zeller/Sellers family from Switzerland, which includes sons Leonard, George, Christian and Jacob, who mostly lived in Greene County, PA; the Soller/Sellers family of Edwin Jaquett Sellers' *Sellers and Wampole Families of Pennsylvania*; George Selser 1756-1826 (married Rachel Newman and moved to Mississippi) born in Chester County who may account for some of the Chester County tax records.

1767 Tax - Birmingham, Chester Co - first appearance of George Sellers on tax records.

Paul Suselsus, inmate and George Salsus, freeman. George was now 21 and eligible to be taxed--that would give George a birth date of 1746±.

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1793 Washington County Tax List - Strabane

George Treslor?

1798 US Direct Tax - Greene, Washington & Allegheny Co - Canton Township

George Sellers, 1 dwelling house, 62 A

1800 Census - Canton Township, Washington Co, PA

George Sellers (indexed Cellors)

1 male over 45 - George

1 female over 45 - Sarah

1 female 10-15 born 1785-1790 (Hannah born 1787)

2 females 16-25 born 1775-1784

1810 Census - Chartiers, Washington Co, PA (Canonsburg)

George Sellers

1 male over 45 - George

1 female over 45 - Sarah

1 male under 10 includes one young couple with a male child?

3 males 16-25

1 female 16-25

1820 Census - Washington, Washington Co, PA

John Johnston

2 M under 10, 1 M 10-15, 1 M 16-25

2 M over 45 - John Johnston and George Sellers

1 F under 10

1 F 26-44 - Hannah Sellers Johnston

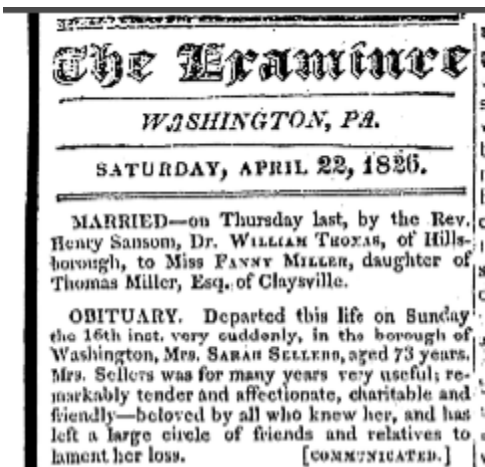
1 F over 45 - Sarah Sellers

George Sellers the Elder - Time Line

George Sellers 1745-1826 of Washington County, PA?
Father of Mary Sellers Jones?

George and Sarah Sellers died 1826. Hannah Sellers
Johnston died in 1830

Mrs. Sarah Sellers, aged 73, in borough of Washington,
died April 16, 1826



Deeds - Washington County, PA, viewed at FamilySearch

10-27-1796, 12 A, 3 rods, 12 perches, £20, Deed 1T/340 (image 181)
John and Jane Ferguson of Washington Co to George Sellers of same.

Adjoining Adam Wiley, James Price and Isaac Warrick. Part of a tract of land on the water of Shirtee.

6-9-1798, 50 A & 29 perches, £58, Deed 1O/139 (image 77)

James Brownlee and James McClelland, executors of William Stewart of Washington Co to George Sellers of same.

Land on Chartiers Creek.

4-24-1802, 5 A, £5, Deed 1T/339 (image 180)

William and Margaret Reed of Canton Township, Washington Co to George Sellers of same.

5 acres between George Sellers orchard field and Wm Reed's meadow fence, by John Cord and James Price, then by dividing line of Geo Sellers and Wm Reed.

Witnesses Geo. Hamilton and William Slemens

1-10-1809, 62A, 71 perches, \$400, Deed 1U/461 (image 246)

George and Sarah Sellers of Washington Co to Francis Wikert of same

Tract where Sellers formerly lived adjoining lands of Adam Willie, William Reed, James Brice, starting at post corner of Adam Willie near George's creek, a branch of Cartier's Creek.

Witnesses: William Slemens, Jr., William Slemens, Peter Vandolatte

George and Sarah Sellers sign with their marks

10-20-1809, lot of 60 square perches and brick house, \$425, Deed 1U/751 (image 405)

John Johnson of Washington Co to George Sellers, Inn Keeper of same

Lot marked 77 in Canonsburg Borough. By Water Street and James Smith property.

Witnesses: Samuel Miler and Peter Vandolah

Note: The property had just been purchased by John Johnson 9-19-1809.

George Sellers the Elder - Time Line

George Sellers 1745-1826 of Washington County, PA?

Father of Mary Sellers Jones?

4-5-1814, same as above, \$850, Deed 1Y/286 (image 161)

George and Sarah Sellers of Borough of Canonsburg to Rev. Andrew Wylie of same.

Brick house and lot in Canonsburg.

Witnesses: Craig Ritchie and John Johnson

George and Sarah Sellers sign with their mark.

The Sherrard Family of Steubenville by Robert Andrew Sherrard, 1890.

The Johnson Records, p. 386: "...in 1791 the whole family came across the mountains and settled in Washington Co, PA, near Canonsburg. John, son of William Johnston and Elizabeth Laughlin, married Hannah Sellers. For many years he (that is John) kept John Johnston's tavern in Washington, Pa; was a great land speculator, and died wealthy.

Bucks County/Land and Property/Deeds 1684-1866: Volume 30, page 339 (image 191)

Bucks County/Land and Property/Miscellaneous Records 1786-1868: Volume 3, pages 231-235 (image 352).

Leah Thomas Jones inherited real estate from her father. At her death, it was passed on to her children. These records show some of her children living in Washington County, PA.

The 1783 Tax Lists and the 1790 Federal Census for Washington County, Pennsylvania, compiled by Katherine K. Zinsser and Raymond M. Bell, 1988. View at FamilySearch books. Good maps of town/county changes over time. The authors divided the 1790 Census for Washington County into townships, a great help over the Federal census for Washington County which is not so divided. View at FamilySearch books.

Tax Lists of Washington County, Penna., 1784-85, 1793 (Including present day Washington and Greene Counties and parts of Allegheny and Beaver Counties), Copied from the Original Records for Washington Co (Pa.) Chapter, DAR. View at FamilySearch books.

Clifford Family - pondering the George Sellers and Sarah Clifford marriage

<http://www3.telus.net/cliffordweb/content/generation3.html>

History of Washington County, Pennsylvania with Biographical Sketches of Many of Its Pioneers and Prominent Men by Boyd Crumrine, 1882

Page 611 - George Sellers licensed to keep a tavern in Canonsburg in 1806

George Sellers the Elder - Time Line

George Sellers 1745-1826 of Washington County, PA?

Father of Mary Sellers Jones?



Places George Sellers lived.

Canonsburg

Near George's Creek (George purchased this property only one or two deeds removed from the original land grant plotted on the Canton, Washington County Warrantee Township Map viewed at Pennsylvania State Archives.)

Washington

1 George Sellers b: 1745 d: 7-22-1826 Age at death: 81 est. Burial: Hitchcock Monument, Sect K, Washington Cem, Washington PA

.. +Sarah unknown b: 1753 d: 4-16-1826 Age at death: 73 est. Burial: Hitchcock Monument, Sect K, Washington Cem, Washington PA

..... 2 Hannah Sellers b: 1787 d: 4-27-1830 Age at death: 43 est. Burial: Hitchcock Monument, Sect K, Washington Cem, Washington PA

..... +John Johnson Sr. b: 1772 d: 5-1831 Age at death: 59 est. Burial: Hitchcock Monument, Sect K, Washington Cem, Washington PA

..... 3 Sarah Johnson d: Bet. 1834 - 1846 Age at death: ? (?Burial: FAG Pigeon Creek Cem, Washington PA Sarah Graham d. 9-8-1841)

..... +Ebenezer S Graham b: Abt. 1800 m: 8-19-1834 d: 1844 Age at death: 44 est.

..... 3 William Johnson d: Aft. 1831 Age at death: ?

..... 3 John Johnson Jr. b: 4-27-1818 d: 12-26-1838 Age at death: 20 Burial: Hitchcock Monument, Sect K, Washington Cem, Washington PA

..... 3 Elizabeth Johnson b: 8-16-1821 d: 5-17-1848 Age at death: 26 Burial: Hitchcock Monument, Sect K, Washington Cem, Washington PA

..... +Lawrence P. Hitchcock b: 1811

..... 3 Samuel B Johnson b: 6-10-1824 d: 6-3-1846 Age at death: 21 Burial: Hitchcock Monument, Sect K, Washington Cem, Washington PA

George Sellers the Elder - Time Line

George Sellers 1745-1826 of Washington County, PA?
Father of Mary Sellers Jones?

Wills Washington County, PA

John Johnston, Sr. 4/597 (image 624), Proved 5-28-1831
Children Sarah, William, John, Elizabeth, Samuel B.
Left considerable real estate

Samuel B. Johnson, 6/436 (image 245), Proved 6-15-1846
Sister Elizabeth Hitchcock
Children (not named) of deceased sister Sarah Graham

The Gilmore Hammit Doughty Parrott tree at ancestry.com has a family story attached to Mary Sellers. Provided by Dianne Norris, it was typed in 2013 from a 1912 family remembrance of the Josiah Bate Family and reads in part: *On January 17th, 1777, Mary Sellers, a name dear to this family of Bates, first saw light of day in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and when she grew up she became the bride of Erasimus (sic) Jones...*

Lee Erasmus Rife concluded Mary Sellers Jones, daughter of George and Sarah Clifferd Sellers, was born in Philadelphia, January 17, 1777, and married Erasmus in Washington County.

The Extra Georges

Men named George Sellers/some-version-of-Sellers turn up in tax and census records in Chester County who I can't account for one way or another.

George Selsus on the Chester County Muster Rolls and George Selser of East Marlborough tax records have been attributed by other researchers to one George Selser 1756-1826 (married Rachel Newman) who went to Mississippi in 1781.

I can't account for the spare Georges in East and West Nantmeal. There might be two or three of them! In theory some could be George the Elder.

Chester County Tax

- 1805 John High, East Nantmeal, crossed out and replace by Geo Sellers
- 1805 Geo Sellars, West Nantmeal, crossed out
- 1805 Geo Sellers, East Nantmeal replaces John High
- 1810 George Sellers, East Nantmeal, 200 A
- 1810 George Sellers, East Nantmeal, Freeman

Commissioner's Minutes and Pay Orders 1740-1803, Tax Discounts

- 1780 George Sulser/Sulur, East Marlborough, sickly, indigent

Chester County Tax Discounts

- 1803 George Sellers, West Nantmeal, poor

1790 Census - Salisbury, Lancaster Co.

George Sellers

- 3 M under 16, 1 M over 16

1800 Census - West Nantmeal

George Sellers

- 2 M under 10
- 2 M over 45 born before 1755
- 3 F under 10, 1 F 16-25, 1 F 26-44

1807 - West Nantmeal, George Sellers, farmer

1807 - West Nantmeal, George Sellers, laborer

1810 Census - West Nantmeal

George Sellers

- 1 M under 10, 1 M 16-25
- 1 M over 45 born before 1765
- 1 F 16-25, 1 F over 45 born before 1765